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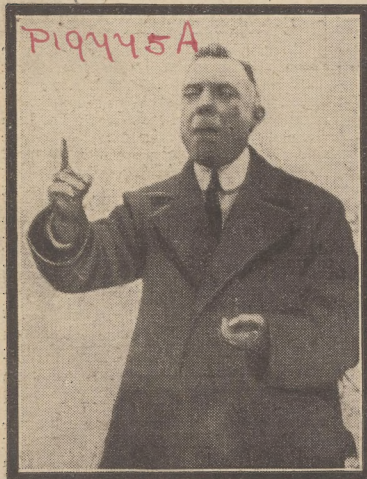
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REVOLVERS AT AN ELECTION MEETING.



Mr. Gallagher, of Dublin, speaking.



Sinn Feiners, with pipe band and banner, paraded the streets.

Lively scenes were witnessed at an election meeting in South Armagh, and revolvers were flourished by some of the participants. Hostility was shown to Mr. de Valera, who was denounced as a Spaniard.

OLD 'BLUE'



Captain the Rev. G. Wilken, an old hockey "blue," who is now a prisoner of war in Germany. He joined as a chaplain, but so anxious was he to get to the front that he temporarily relinquished his commission and served as a private.

THE FATAL HALF-MINUTE: ENGINE DRIVER'S STORY AT RAILWAY INQUIRY.



Colonel Pringle (x), who is conducting the inquiry.

Driver John Whitworth told how half a minute either way in the occurrence of the landlip would have prevented the railway accident at Laxtonby. Either the train would have passed or could have stopped.



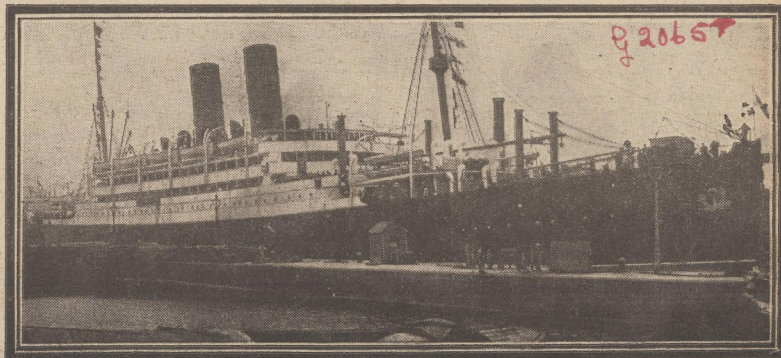
Driver Whitworth (wearing bowler), arriving with two guards.

A QUAKER'S HEROISM.



Mr. J. Oliver Watkins, a Swansea Corporation employee, who has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for volunteering to succour the wounded under very dangerous conditions. He is a Quaker, and joined the Friends' Ambulance unit early in 1916.

BABIES RESCUED FROM TORPEDOED CUNARDER.



The Cunard liner Andania, which has been torpedoed off the Ulster coast. She did not sink, and hopes are entertained that she will be saved. Among the survivors are two babies only a few months old.

A FOOD BOARD OF NEARLY A TON.

Widow Fined £90-27
Xmas Puddings.

DINER'S SIX OUNCES.

Fined £50 and costs recently for hoarding margarine, Mrs. Klaber, widow, of Shortlands House, Shortlands, Kent, was at Bromley yesterday fined £90 and costs on a further summons under the Food Hoarding Prohibition Order.

Mr. Roland Oliver, for the prosecution, said that when the executive officer for Beckenham visited the premises in this case he found an enormous quantity of food at a time when patriotic people of every class, rich and poor, found it difficult enough to get the necessities of life.

The contents of this lady's store cupboard comprised nearly a ton of food—working out at over 100lb. for each person resident in the house.

It was evident that Mrs. Klaber was a very wealthy woman, and he would submit to the Bench that it was of no use to fine her. The magistrates should consider whether in the public interest, and as an example to others, they should not exercise their powers of ordering imprisonment.

An officer of the local food committee stated that the searching defendant's house on December 28 he found an enormous hoard of food of all kinds, including—

192 tins of treacle.
96 tins of meat.
56 tins of various other provisions.
56 tins of condensed milk.
27 Christmas puddings.
72lb. of sugar.
84lb. of biscuits.

Evidence was called to show that articles of food had been bought, particularly during December.

WHY RABBITS ARE SCARCE

Bad Weather Chiefly Responsible
—the Coming Rations.

FROM MINISTRY OF FOOD.

The Rabbits and Game Committee attached to the Ministry of Food have been considering the recent diminished supply of rabbits. They find that supplies in London have decreased about 60 per cent.

The weather early last week and the week before was such, owing to flood, snow and frost, as to render the catching of rabbits almost impossible in many districts, and, in fact, many authorities in the country attribute the decrease almost entirely to the weather.

There have doubtless been cases where the farmers and trappers have relaxed their efforts owing to the controlled price, but the committee hopes that this will be rare.

Margarine Clearing House.—In order to deal with the urgent question of the distribution of the supplies of margarine, of the whole of which the Ministry of Food has taken control, Lord Rhonda has established a distribution clearing house in order to secure as equitable a distribution of margarine as possible.

THE NEW RATINGS.

It is almost certain now, *The Daily Mirror* understands, that the weekly meat ration under the London and Home Counties rationing scheme will be 1lb. per head for adults and 8oz. for children under six.

This means that the daily meat allowance of the adult will average 3oz. per day during the week and 4oz. on Sunday.

The diner out under the new Public Meals Order is allowed to consume 3oz. weekly, or 6oz. a day on five days of the week.

Under the Public Meals Order the "meat" ration includes every kind of meat.

But the term "meat" in connection with the expected new meat ration of 1lb. per week per head for everybody will not be so comprehensive.

It will apply only to meat ordinarily obtained from the butcher, and it is understood that the housewife will be able to buy poultry, game, rabbits and bacon in addition to the ration allowance.

BUTCHERS IN MUTTON QUEUE.

Extraordinary scenes marked the arrival at the Central Meat Market, yesterday, of large consignments of Scotch mutton.

Hundreds of retailers demanded supplies, and the situation became so menacing that the police were called in.

Order was only restored when queues were formed.

800 GIRL SUGAR CLERKS.

The immense work involved in dealing with the registration cards for sugar is abundantly emphasised by a visit to the clearing house of the Ministry of Food at the Imperial Institute, where 800 girl clerks are employed dealing with this branch of the work.

An elaborate and effective system of registration has been inaugurated which enables the staff to deal expeditiously and accurately with an immense number of ration forms and vouchers, all of which are so arranged that any person's sugar card can be quickly traced.

TANK-TOP HEROISM.

D.O.M. for Man Who Helped
Wounded for 9½ Hours.

LOST EYE BUT FOUGHT ON.

"He assisted a stretcher-bearer to take back a wounded man two miles, and when the bearer was wounded he carried in the man himself, although he took nine and a half hours to do so, and arrived in a completely exhausted condition."

This hero—Private S. Fisher, Welsh Regiment, London—has won the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Other men who have won the same decoration are:—

48682 Bomdr. W. Gibbons, R.F.A. (St. John's Wood, London).

He made four journeys into a tunnel which had been wrecked by heavy enemy shelling in order to rescue the occupants of dug-outs which were smashed up inside the tunnel. On his fourth journey he was rendered unconscious by gas fumes. On regaining consciousness he insisted on returning to duty but fainted.

48525 A/Cpl. T. Fox, Manchester Regiment. (Oldham).

He led his section through a very heavy barrage, and outfought an enemy machine gun. He was hit in the right eye whilst rescuing so, he was completely destroyed, but in spite of this he remained at duty for another six hours.

20334 Cpl. D. C. Jenkins, Tank Corps (North Kensington).

When an officer was killed he kept his tank in action with the greatest skill and gallantry until it was buried. He then took out all his crew and guns, and placed some on the top of the tank, and some on the ground, opened fire on the enemy.

By his timely action Corporal Jenkins held up the enemy's advance.

PREMIER AND IRELAND.

Seeing Convention Members in
Hope of a Good Result.

In the House of Commons yesterday Major Newman asked whether the Prime Minister had requested leave to address the members of the Irish Convention to place before them the views of the War Cabinet and, if so, whether the Defence of the Realm regulation would be suspended.

MOONLIGHT TABLE.

The moon was full yesterday morning. The hours of rising and setting for the next three days are:—

Tuesday	7.46 p.m.	8.50 a.m.
Wednesday	8.32 p.m.	8.42 a.m.
Thursday	9.08 p.m.	8.58 a.m.

pendo so that a full report of the proceedings might be made available to the public.

Mr. Bonar Law said he had received no notice whatever of the question, but as a matter of fact the Prime Minister was receiving some of the members of the Convention.

He was doing so in the hope that some good might result, and he was sure he was doing it with the full approval of the House of Commons.

Major Newman: Will the proceedings be made public?

Mr. Bonar Law: I should think that very unlikely and very undesirable.

RAILWAY ARCH MURDER.

Canadian Soldier Charged with
Crime—An Alleged Confession.

Charged with the wilful murder of Mrs. Phyllis Earle, wife of a soldier, who was found last Friday with her throat cut lying under a railway arch leading to Hackney Downs, Private George Harman, aged thirty-seven, Canadian Expeditionary Force, was remanded at North London yesterday.

Detective-Inspector Pride said marks on the ground indicated that there had been a struggle and that the body had been dragged to where it was found. He sent out a sergeant, who returned with prisoner, accompanied by a Canadian military policeman. Sergeant Chesney produced a knife, and prisoner said, "That is mine."

When charged, prisoner replied: "If she done the same to me as she did I would do it again in the same way if she were alive."

O'KEEFE BEATS BLAKE.

Irishman's Third Victory in Contests for the Lonsdale Belt.

At the National Sporting Club last night Sergeant Pat O'Keefe knocked out Harry Blake in the second round of their match for the middle-weight championship of Great Britain and the Lonsdale Belt and £400.

O'Keefe, after winning the belt twice, was beaten by Blake for the championship, but his recent success over Sergeant Braddock made him the more favoured man of the last night.

In the first round Blake resorted to holding tactics and was severely punished, but in the second round O'Keefe started in a more aggressive manner and, after inflicting severe punishment, he knocked Blake out with a left hook to the jaw.

By his victory O'Keefe makes the belt his own property and also qualifies for the National Sporting Club's pension to belt winners. His victory last night was very popular with a crowded house.

FOE'S LOST COLONIES.

Premier's Appreciation of Protest
Against Their Return.

GENERAL SMUTS SPEECH.

The Premier has thanked the British Workers League for a resolution sent to him expressing admiration for the troops who have "rescued land and peoples from Germany's ruthless administration," and pledging itself to use all its power to prevent their return.

Mr. Lloyd George added his appreciation of the resolution.

"German East Africa might not be an ideal dwelling place for Britishers as it existed today, but what they had been achieved by our race in other less inviting regions of the tropics could be performed there. The Germans recognised this and that was why they set such value on the country as a whole."

Thus spoke General Smuts in an address last night on East Africa at the Central Hall, Westminster.

He said he did not want to speak about the disposal of German East Africa after the war, but the law of self-preservation must apply to that country, where Prussian militarism must never be allowed to take the hold as a menace against the peace of the world.

The East Africa campaign, though apparently a minor part of the great war, might be found to be a most important factor in developing the future and permanent peace of the world.

REGISTRATION BILL.

Safeguarding Clauses Added by the
Government in Third Reading.

In the report stage on the National Registration Bill, Mr. Hayes Fisher moved a new clause providing that a prosecution under the Act shall not be instituted except with consent of the Director-General of National Service.

The object of the clause, said Mr. Hayes Fisher, was to allay fears that prosecutions would be instituted against young people and discharged soldiers who might offend through ignorance. The clause was added to the Bill.

Mr. Whitehouse moved an amendment to abolish entirely the provision that policemen may stop and question any persons between the ages of fifteen and sixty-five.

Mr. Wedgwood said he welcomed the promise of Mr. Hayes Fisher to consider the withdrawal of the instruction to policemen to stop and question females.

Mr. Kiley said that a policeman on a slack afternoon could stop any person he liked and take him to the police-station.

Mr. Hayes Fisher (indignantly): He can do nothing of the kind.

Mr. Kiley: Oh, yes, he can. It isn't in the Bill. It wasn't in the Military Service Act, but I can give you cases. Cases even where the registration card was produced. I want limiting words put in the Act to put an end to that kind of thing.

The amendment on a division was defeated by 127 to 100.

Two final amendments of the Government were accepted, and the Bill passed to the third reading.

The amendment shut out once for all the possibility of a policeman or other officer accosting any female and asking for her registration card.

HERO'S DOWNFALL.

Deserts and Steals After Winning
M.C.—Chance to "Make Good."

A dramatic story was told at Old-street yesterday, when Richard Albert Langley, aged twenty-two, pleaded guilty to stealing some of the value of £284, the property of his employer, Mr. John Davis.

Prisoner produced his Military Medal, and explained that he deserted in March, when, on his return home on leave, he discovered that his wife had been living with another man.

"I lost all heart and all control of myself then," he explained with a break in his voice.

He added that he was a quartermaster-sergeant when he deserted. He was promoted for taking command of a party of fifty-two sent to capture a German pill-box, after his captain and sergeant had been killed.

Only a few of the party returned, and he claimed to have been the first British soldier to blow up an enemy pill-box.

Detective-Sergeant Smith said the prisoner voluntarily attested in June, 1915, throwing up his sword of honour to do so.

Prisoner appealed for an opportunity to go back to the Army.

The magistrate said that he would not send such a brave soldier to prison, and directed that he should be handed over to the military authorities.

Prisoner: I thank you, sir, and I promise you faithfully that I will do my best.

FIRE IN HUN DOCKYARD.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—On Saturday's *Weser Zeitung* reports that a fire has completely destroyed a portion of Luerssen's shipyard at Vegesack, on the Weser, near Bremen, and also eight small vessels.—Reuter.

"CANADA IN KHAKI," No. 2.

Up to last night over 40,000 copies of this fascinating war souvenir book had been sold. "The best seller yet," a newsagent reported when ordering additional copies. Over 200 pages, hundreds of unique photographs, numerous colour plates, drawings, and cartoons. Remarkable three-shillings-worth. At all newsagents. Order early.

PRISON AS A HAVEN OF HAPPINESS.

Coroner on "Rest Cure"
View of Woman's Letter.

ACTOR'S LIFE'S DRAMA.

A remarkable letter from a woman in prison, was read in the course of an inquest in London yesterday on Francis Mayeur, an actor, who shot himself in his bedroom.

It was stated that the deceased had been intimate with a woman (the writer of the letter in question), who had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for obtaining money by false pretences by representing that she was a Red Cross nurse.

The Coroner remarked that in the old days it used to be a horrible thing to go to prison, but from the letter the woman had written to the deceased it seemed like a cheap rest cure.

The letter ran:—

"Don't imagine for one moment that I am unhappy here (Maidstone Prison). We are not allowed to be unhappy in such an atmosphere of kindness."

"I am sorry to say that it is frequently abused by some unacquainted and ignorant persons, but only complaint that I have is that I am getting so fat."

"The girl here has done me so much good that I think I shall continue it when I come back. You would never credit the incidental comforts we all get here."

The widow of the dead man said that her stage name was Helen Ferrers. Divorce proceedings were pending against her husband.

They separated last December, and since then she had not seen him. Since they separated he had been living with the woman who was now in prison.

Marie Hardy, who said that she looked after deceased, stated that he was a very heavy drinker of port wine and brandy. Lately his hand has shaken so much that he could not lift his glass and he used to drink through a tube.

Mayeur had had nothing solid to eat for a very long time. On Saturday night, when she went to the flat, she found him in bed with a bullet wound in his head.

The jury returned a verdict of Suicide during temporary insanity.

KAISER'S BIRTHDAY WISH

Fulsome Praise for the Warriors,
Workers and Lonely Widows.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—The Kaiser has sent the following reply to a telegram of birthday wishes from the President of the Reichstag:

"Receive my warmest wishes for the loyal wishes with which you have again gladdened me on the Reichstag's behalf."

"I begin the serious decisive year with proud thankfulness for the immense successes which again have been gained by our indefatigable warriors and their brilliant leaders."

"I know to what extent the loyal work of the people at home contributed to these successes and how much distress and anxiety had to be borne by everyone."

"Those are imperishable pages of glory which last year were added to German history and in which the great army leaders, the simple warriors and the lonely widows inscribed their names."

"My ardent daily wish is that my beloved people, without arrogance but with deep consciousness of the duty which lies before them, externally and internally, in wise self-discipline, preserve their union until the final victory of our arms lays the foundation for a glad new unfolding of their mental and economic power."

—Reuter.

NEWS ITEMS.

£50 Butter Fine.—For a false statement in his wholesale application for butter Joseph Christopher Wood, a fish merchant, was fined £50 at Huddersfield yesterday.

Omnibus Services Stopped.—Three important Kent motor-omnibus services discontinue on Monday. From Chatham to Sittingbourne, Maidstone to Ashford and Hawkhurst to Hastings.

De Stamis's Appeal Dismissed.—The application of Corporal A. H. V. De Stamis for leave to appeal against his conviction for the wilful murder of Captain de la Riviere at St. Etienne, over twenty rounds.

In a twenty-rounds contest at the Ring yesterday afternoon Eddie Rios beat Louis Ruddick in points. Yesterday afternoon at Hoxton Seaman W. Ross beat Digger Stanley, ex-champion, on points, after twenty two rounds at the Ring. Eddie Stevens, former middle, easily beat Louis Ruddick, Leeds, on points, over twenty rounds.

AIR RAID ON LONDON LAST NIGHT—1 MACHINE DOWN

Kent and Essex Coasts Crossed—Some Machines Penetrate to the Capital.

FURTHER ATTACK AFTER MIDNIGHT.

Bombs Dropped Again at 12.30 a.m.—Our Airmen Bring Down One Hun Plane in Essex.

FROM LORD FRENCH.

PRESS BUREAU, Monday.

Hostile aeroplanes crossed the Kent and Essex coast shortly before 8 p.m. and proceeded towards London.

Some machines penetrated to the capital where bombs were dropped between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Latest reports show that one enemy machine was brought down by our airmen in Essex.

12.45 A.M.—A further attack was delivered on London after midnight, bombs being dropped about 12.30 a.m.

The raid is still in progress.

AN AIR BATTLE FOUGHT OVER LONDON.

Raider in Difficulties After Attack by Our Airmen.

Last night's raid was carried out by a considerable number of enemy aeroplanes, which adopted the usual tactics of attacks on London over a period of two hours.

Although two or three enemy machines succeeded in penetrating the defences, they were rapidly attacked by British aeroplanes.

Nevertheless, a number of bombs was dropped.

One German machine was attacked by our airmen and the rapid exchange of machine-gun fire was heard.

The raider appeared to break off the contest and attempted to make off, but was subjected to a severe bombardment.

Eye-witnesses declare that the enemy craft seemed to be in difficulties and was forced to descend to a comparatively low altitude.

Our airmen again attacked, but the German succeeded in making off, closely followed by the British machines.

Some of the theatres, as is their gallant wont, "carried on" despite the raid. At the National Sporting Club O'Keefe and Blako boxed for the Londale Belt and the middle-weight championship, while the guns were clattering. Probably never before has a classic boxing event been waged to a finish in such extraordinary circumstances.

HUNS RAID BRITISH POST AND TAKE 3 PRISONERS.

Fine French Raids—Guns Busy at Cambrai, Lens and in Champagne.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Monday.

9.56 A.M.—Yesterday evening the enemy raided one of our advanced posts north-east of Langemarck. Three of our men are missing.

South-east of Leveguier a strong hostile reconnoitring party was dispersed by rifle fire during the night.

Hostile artillery was active last night at different points south-west of Cambrai and also north of Lens and in the Passchendaele sector.

9.10 P.M.—Hostile artillery has been active during the day in the neighbourhood of Havrincourt and north-east of Ypres. There is nothing further of special interest to report.

French Official.—We made various successful raids into the enemy's lines in Champagne and north of St. Mihiel, and brought back prisoners. A coup de main on our small posts in La Fontenelle region, north-east of St. Die, was without result.—Reuter.

Night.—In Champagne we carried out two successful coups de main on the enemy trenches.

Our patrols penetrated into the third enemy line and brought back some prisoners, including one officer and a machine gun.

R.N.A.S. BOMB AERODROME

ADMIRALTY AIR OFFICIAL.

At noon on January 27 naval aircraft carried out bombing raids on Aertryck aerodrome and Engel dump.

Both targets were partly obscured by clouds, which rendered observation of exact results difficult. All our machines returned safely.

RUSSIANS BREAK WITH RUMANIA

Ambassador To Be Expelled—Tcherbatcheff Outlawed.

PETROGRAD, Monday.—The Commissioners of the People announce that diplomatic relations with Rumania have been broken off.

The Rumanian Legation and all Rumanian agents will be sent abroad by the shortest route. General Tcherbatcheff, the Russian commander on the south-western front, is branded as an enemy of the people and has been outlawed.—Reuter.

PETROGRAD, Monday.—Rumanian gold reserve has been seized. The Rumanian Ambassador is expelled from the country. General Tcherbatcheff has been deprived of the laws of protection.—Exchange.

RUMANIA TO ACT.

The Rumanian Minister in London issued the following statement last night:

The Rumanian Government have learnt with the deepest indignation of the arrest of the Rumanian Minister at Petrograd and of the personnel of the Legation, as well as of the violation of the diplomatic residence in contempt for the elementary principles on which relations between peoples are based.

The Rumanian Government protest with energy against such proceedings which have the effect of annulling international law and reducing the intercourse between peoples to the relations which prevailed in the darkest ages of humanity.

The Rumanian Government await explanations to enable them to take the proper action.

ARRESTED AND ROBBED.

The Rumanian Minister states that on the night of January 3 two members of the Rumanian Parliament and several Rumanian officers, two of them of high rank, who were travelling to Odessa, were arrested, insulted, threatened and robbed by the Russian authorities of the Kichnow railway station. Finally, after several hours of detention, they were sent by force to Odessa.

Two days before the same Russian revolutionary committees had intercepted on the railway line between Kichnow and Ungheul, the supply transports of the army, for want of which the Russian Army in Rumania was doomed to famine, and gave itself up to disorder and plunder.

Rumanian troops have been put at the disposal of the Moldavian (Bessarabia) in order to secure the railway lines and to prevent the destruction of the supplies for the Rumanian Army.

OUR "AIR BAG" IN ITALY.

FROM GENERAL PLUMER.

The total number of hostile aircraft destroyed since the end of November, when our machines commenced operations, is thirty-seven enemy machines shot down, two driven down out of control and four balloons burnt, while only five of our machines are missing.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

Patrol encounters in our favour took place in Vallaria and Aspicco Valley.

The enemy's positions between the Franzela Valley and the Brenta Canal were shelled.

A hostile aeroplane was brought down by British airmen.

On the night of the 28th/29th inst, an enemy machine was brought down by anti-aircraft batteries on the southern slopes of Montello. The three pilots, who included two officers, were made prisoners.

CLYDE WORKERS DEMAND A GENERAL ARMISTICE.

Refusal to Do Anything Further To Support the War.

Sir Auckland Geddes arrived at Glasgow last night and addressed a meeting of the Clyde District Committee of shipbuilding and engineering trades in the City Hall. Close on 3,000 were present. The proceedings were private.

When Sir Auckland appeared on the platform he was greeted with the singing of "The Red Flag." He was subjected to much interruption, but eventually he got a fairly good hearing.

He answered questions for an hour. He emphasised no conscription of industry. The immediate necessity for new man-power proposals was the transference of 1,800,000 Germans from east to western front.

McManus and Gallacher, both Clyde deportees, moved and seconded a resolution:

After having heard the case of the Government, as stated by Sir Auckland Geddes, this meeting pledges itself to oppose the Government to the very uttermost in its call for more men. We insist and pledge ourselves to enforce the declaration of an immediate armistice on all fronts. The expressed opinion of the workers of Glasgow is that from now on our attitude is all the time, and every time, to do nothing in support of carrying on the war and to bring the war to a conclusion.

On a vote the resolution was almost unanimously adopted.

Replying to a question, Sir Auckland Geddes said that personally he was in favour of a workers' international conference, but would have to be assured that the representatives of Germany really represented the workers of Germany.

Mr. McManus declared the resolution did not end there. They must act upon it if they wanted the war to stop and were going to get it stopped. The proceedings were lively throughout three hours and concluded by the singing of "The Red Flag."

TURKS CLAIM REFLOATING STRANDED GOEBEN.

Still Being Bombed Say British, Fit for Service Say Turks.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—A telegram from Constantinople of to-day's date, received via Berlin, says:—

Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim (Goeben) entered yesterday. She is quite fit for service.

The numerous enemy air attacks inflicted only unimportant damage to the funnel, and the groundings incurred occasioned by two small bomb hits.—Reuter.

A German Government report, received by the Admiralty per Wireless Press, says:—

We are informed from a reliable source that the Turkish armoured cruiser Sultan Javus Selim, formerly the Goeben, which on her return journey from her advance to the island of Crete, was grounded in the Strait near Nagara, has entered the Dardanelles.

ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL.

Since the last communique bad weather has hampered operations against the Goeben, nevertheless, several raids have been carried out and some bombs have been dropped on her and on gun positions at Kabla Tepe.

At noon on the 27th the position of the ship was unchanged.

U-BOATS PREPARING TO ATTACK U.S. TRANSPORTS.

Thirty-Two Divisions Ready To Go to France.

WASHINGTON, Monday.—Mr. Baker, Secretary of State for War, in his weekly review, warns the people that the Germans are preparing a great submarine offensive against the American lines of communications with France in order to interrupt the steady flow of men and munitions and food supplies for our Allies.

He says that the explanation of the recently marked decrease in the number of Allied merchantmen sunk by submarines is to be found in the withdrawal of submarines for the approaching thrust on land and sea.

As the time draws near when once again the enemy will endeavour to strike a decisive blow in the west, it must be emphasised that he will not be content with mere military operations.

Mr. Baker also points out that in Palestine the British are extending their line in the north.

New York, Monday.—Mr. Baker in his speech before the Senate Monday afternoon declared: "There are now in the United States sixteen National Army camps and sixteen National Guard camps (thirty-two divisions) filled with men ready to go to France."

He said that it had been the policy of the War Department to send men to Europe as rapidly as the production capacity of the country was able to provide for them.—Reuter.

HOW THE ANDANIA WAS TORPEDOED.

Only Two Lives Lost—Babies Among Rescued.

IRISH VESSEL SUNK.

The first complete story of the torpedoing, with the loss of two lives, of the 13,405-ton Cunard Andania, off the Irish coast, came to hand yesterday, and also the story of the torpedoing of the steamer Cork with the loss of seven passengers and five members of the crew.

The Andania carried forty passengers and 200 crew.

The passengers and crew of the Andania were got off the doomed vessel in the boats, and, after cruising about for about an hour and a half, they were picked up by trawlers and patrol boats and landed at a north of Ireland coast town.

The Cunard Company state that the two lost members of the crew are Able Seaman Hanson and James Ritchie, steward's boy.

The majority of the crew were in a pitiable condition, being clad only in singlets and trousers.

The most pathetic figures among the survivors were two babies a few months old, who were carried ashore in the arms of burly sailors.

The Andania was outward bound, when the torpedo fired by the submarine missed the liner, but a second one struck her amidships, and the order was given by the captain to abandon the ship.

In an interview, Dr. J. A. Harker, F.R.S., of the Ministry of Munitions, London, said that he was on the boat deck about ten o'clock and in conversation with the deck steward, who told him that a boat which was arranged for shortly after ten o'clock, and that all the passengers were to proceed to their respective boats.

No sooner had he said these words than a torpedo hit the liner amidships.

BRAVE WOMEN.

Mr. J. J. Holgate, of Southborough House, Canterbury, said:—

"There were on board our boat a Belgian woman aged seventy-one, a Russian woman with two children, and one of the stewardesses, none of whom uttered one word of complaint."

My friend, Mr. W. J. Nicholson, of Wimbledon, distinctly saw the submarine twice—once within twenty yards of the boat.

A Belfast telegram says that the Cunard liner Andania sank at 7.30 on Sunday night.

DOWN IN FOUR MINUTES.

All the passengers on the ss. Cork, numbering seven, and five members of the crew of thirty-five lost their lives, and the survivors when they landed at a Welsh port were but scantily clad.

The chief steward said the vessel was hit with such force that she broke in two and sank in four minutes.

The disaster happened between one and two o'clock in the morning, and it was only possible to launch two boats, the others being smashed.

The Cork, which was built at Port Glasgow in 1899 and belonged to the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, was a vessel of 1,232 tons gross.

Was It the Steamship Cork?—Dr. Macnamara, answering a question in the House of Commons yesterday, said that it was true that a vessel was sunk in the Irish Channel by a submarine quite recently. Every possible step was taken to safeguard the cross-Channel traffic.

Two Ships Mined Off Marseilles.—PARIS, Monday.—It is announced that the supply ship Drome and the trawler Kerbihan have been sunk by mines off Marseilles. Forty men are missing.—Reuter.

ALLIED PARLEY TO BE HELD AT VERSAILLES.

Grave Military Matters To Be Settled at Meeting This Week.

ROME, Sunday.—The Inter-Allied Conference takes place in Paris this week.—Exchange.

PARIS, Monday.—M. Clemenceau will preside at the Versailles Conference, at which Mr. Lloyd George and Signor Orlando will be present. In addition to Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Milner and General Wilson will take part in the deliberations.

The conference, in the course of which will be debated very grave questions of a military and diplomatic order now engaging the attention of the Allied countries, will last for several days.—Exchange.

Britain and Italy.—Reuter's Agency is authorised to state that the visit of the Italian Prime Minister to England has proved entirely satisfactory.

The fact has been again established that the most complete understanding prevails between Great Britain, Italy and their Allies.

DOUBLE DECORATION.



Pte. A. H. Bailey, Coldstream Guards, of Ecclestone, awarded the M.M. He is lying wounded in hospital.



Miss Eva O. Schofield, of Morpeth, awarded the R.R.C. second class, a year ago, now awarded the Cross of the first class.

WATCHING HIS MEN MARCH BY.



General Currie watching his men marching to a rest camp.—(Canadian War Records.)

PORTRAITS OF INTEREST.



King's Cpl. Tom Bell, who has been awarded both the M.M. and the Croix de Guerre. He has been four times wounded.



Lieut. H. H. Hutchinson, R.F.A., of Morpeth, Northumberland, who has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry.

RAIDS CAUSE



A Yuletide gift. Smoke from a bomb.



Curious finds are made when trenches are dug. In this case the remains of an old bedstead were brought to light.—(Canadian War Records.)



The mascot of the York and Lancaster Regiment. It came across "No Man's Land" from the German lines.—(Official photograph.)

WOMEN WORKERS IN—



Aeroplanes are one of the vital needs of the Empire, and women are helping to solve the labour problem. Acetylene welding is one of their tasks.

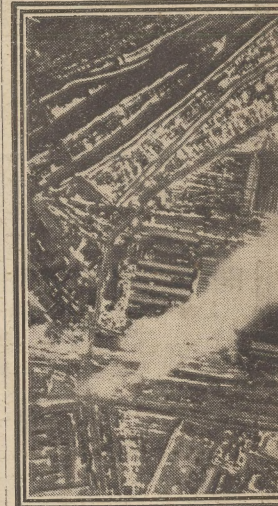


NEXT SUMMER'S STYLE.—Pegtop skirt of navy blue satin and a white bodice with what the Americans call a "snug" waist.

—AIRCRAFT FACTORIES.



Another branch of the work which they undertake is the covering of propellers, and thousands are now employed in the various factories.



Bomb bursts on Karlsruhe.

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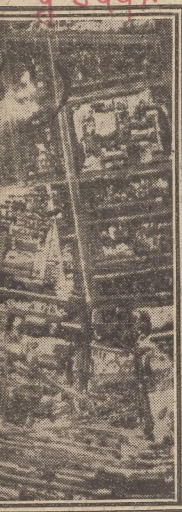
SERBIAN ORDER.—Surgeon-General Sir H. R. Whitehead, K.C.B., Director of Medical Services, Salonika, decorated with Order of St. Sava, 2nd Class.

JAPANESE ORDER.—Rear-Admiral Sir C. B. Pearse, decorated with Order of the Rising Sun, 2nd Class.

GERMANY



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dier-Gen. G. H. A. White,
M.G., D.S.O., commanding an
allery division, who has been
four times mentioned

WAR NURSES
HONoured.

Grace Lady Newborough,
widow of the fourth Baron
Newborough, whose Park-
ling home is now a hospi-
tal for wounded officers.



The Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey
Pearson, who is to appear
in musical comedy. Her
husband, Lord Cowdray's
son, was killed in France.

ALLIED NAVIES IN EVERY SEA.



Line of drifters. Part of an escorting T.B.D. is seen. (Italian official photograph.)

WOMEN IN
THE NEWS.

Mrs. Hilda Edmiston,
sister of the Auxiliary Hospi-
tal, Bean Farm, Hing-
ham, Norfolk, who has
been mentioned.



Mrs. Lucie Anthony,
matron and superinten-
dent of the Auxiliary Hospi-
tal, Islandsey, awarded
the Royal Red Cross.

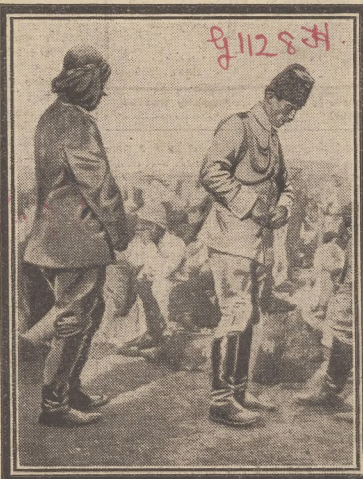


Sports on a transport. A competitor in the pillow fight has disappeared
beneath the water.



With the British Navy in the Arctic. Lapps are here seen selling furs
to the crew of a warship.

TURKISH GENERAL CAPTURED.



A Turkish general who was captured by the Bri-
tish during one of Allenby's smashing victories in
Palestine. His staff surrendered with him.



A NEW PARIS HAT.—This model is of
blue satin with a wide royal blue
ribbon on the brim. This gives the
hat quite a novel effect.

THOSE "ONE-AND-NINERS."



There was a rush for this farmer's cart when it ar-
rived at Selby Market. The people wanted rab-
bits, but they were doomed to disappointment.

THE STORM IN RUSSIA.

ONCE more it seems that Russia stands at cross-roads in a crisis of her destiny so vital, so terrible, that none can say what the consequences of her choice may be to herself and to the world in the next few days or weeks.

A prejudice in favour of free will makes us call it a "choice." But is it really so? Are there not, flowing beneath the visible surface of the flood in Russia, such mighty tides and irresistible undercurrents that it is long past the power of any one man or party to control them? To us, in our ignorance over here, it seems that great Russia drifts or sweeps towards a gulf from which now no hand can keep and control her any longer.

And yet the past shows that these currents can be stemmed by the mind of man—often by the decision in one man's mind.

The last vital crisis in Russian affairs was when Kornilov, the one great man thrown up in the Russian confusion, was rejected by Kerensky, who thereby destroyed himself and Kornilov also. Had Kerensky backed Kornilov's attempt to secure a military future for the Russian Republic, instead of dreading the accusations of "counter-revolution" and autocracy actually expressed in some English papers whose ignorance and lack of judgment run a race together, he and Kornilov might have united Russia, and saved the one, the single, revolution without civil war.

Instead, Kornilov's noble speech at Moscow turned out to be the last appeal, the rallying cry which failed. A wrong turning was taken. Where now is Kornilov? And the helpless idealogue, talking Kerensky, all words and gestures—where is he?

We have another crisis, another set of men. Not one Revolution, but a dozen. Not one Russia, but twenty. Not one or two leaders, but fifty. Only Trotsky's head still visible on the wavering surface of the waters. Can he swim there, can he maintain himself, much longer?

Mr. Arthur Ransome, in another of his admirable dispatches, spoke yesterday of a split—already!—in the Bolsheviks, one party returning to that non-resistance of despair which lies it may be at the back of the Russian mind, the other prepared for a campaign of "revolutionary defence" against Prussia. And certainly Kuhlmann has paid Trotsky the compliment of a bitter attack on him.

That seems to show that the convinced and combatant Bolsheviks may yet succeed in keeping the Ukraine and their own men from the separate peace which will be "the selling of Joseph by his brethren," the stab in the back, and treachery to the real Russia.

But the worst of it is that Trotsky will ally himself with no party and no class but those aimed at integral social revolution, and he cannot, we conceive, find stable elements to support him on those lines. Primarily his aim is not the defeat of Prussia, but that of a social system abhorrent to him. It may be that his mistake will be to forget that, of all his enemies, the greatest is Prussia, as she is the nucleus of that autocratic idealism that perfectly represents what he hates. "Prussia first! Then the enemy at home." That might well be his maxim.

No one dares prophesy about Russia. But all can at least watch her convulsions with pity and sympathy; and with a sense that they constitute the mightiest, the most heartshaking, the most dramatic and the most spiritual of the huge storms set loose by the world war in its ceaseless pressure upon humanity. For in Russia to-day, we feel, not the fate of Russia only, but part of the future of humanity, is being settled.

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Young men are fitter to invent than to judge; fitter for execution than for counsel; and fitter for new projects than for settled business.—Bacon.



Mrs. Cyril Foster, whose husband is a Royal Fusilier officer, was one of the first thirty women to make shells.



The Hon. Mrs. G. Morris, daughter of Mr. Wesley Hall, of Melbourne, whose husband was in the Irish Guards.

HOARDERS, BEWARE!

Reconstruction in the Church—Novel Queues in the City.

THE BLACK LIST of well-known (and other) people who think themselves entitled to hoard food in these critical days is growing fast at the Ministry of Food. You would be surprised at some of the names if you saw them. They are among the last people in the world

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Princess Mary's New Room.—I went to Brook-street yesterday to see the painted furniture Lady Kinloch has had designed for Princess Mary's room in Windsor Castle. It is a charming suite of grey with garlands of gay little flowers and fat cupids eating fruit.

A Garlanded Desk.—Lady Kinloch, seated on one of her painted armchairs, told me that the Princess's room in Buckingham Palace has a suite which is very like this one, including the desk at which she works.

Going to the States.—When I saw the Archbishop of York recently I thought, he looked more worn since the outbreak of war. The American people are looking forward with interest to his visit.

Church Reconstruction.—Can it be that one of the reconstruction problems which will face us with peace will affect the Church? I

Small Mercies.—Here is Miss Lena Ashwell, who at a public gathering the other day thanked Heaven for meat shortage, margarine queues, and other war-time inconveniences. We may not all agree with her that these are things to be thankful for, but we must acknowledge that she has done a lot of good work in taking entertaining people to amuse our war-worn men at the front. She has not appeared in town much lately.



Miss Lena Ashwell.

Epigrammatic.—I met Mr. Vivian Foster, the Vicar of Mirth, as he chooses to call himself, in town yesterday. Chatting about the food puzzle, he got rid of the following mot: "What's bred in the bone is charged for as meat."

The Mystery Dinner.—My political friends are all agog over Sir Walter Runciman's dinner to Mr. Asquith. Some predict that the ex-Premier is to give some notable "lead" to his admirers at speech-time, but I have my doubts.

In the Chair.—The Duchess of Newcastle is one of our most devoted Imperialists. She signifies the same on Thursday by taking the chair at Mr. Herbert Garrison's lecture on "The British Empire and the War," the venue being Caxton Hall.

White Wings.—One who is learned in aeroplanes tells me that no material is so good for covering the wings as the kind of linen out of which our handkerchiefs are made. Enough to make two thousand "hankies" is wanted for a pair of wings.

The Racing Parson.—"Parson" Parkes, ex-clergyman and racehorse trainer, is one of the busiest of men to-day, supplying the Army with horseshoes. He has invented a shoe specially suited for the desert. It was accepted by the late Lord Kitchener.

A Queer Cognomen.—"Don't call the enlisted men 'Sammys' or 'Teddies'; they do not like it," said a United States officer to me yesterday. It appears that for some reason best known to themselves the regulars have named themselves "Doughboys," and will readily answer to that name.

Defending London.—I have just been reading an absorbing article by Mr. C. G. Grey in the "London Magazine." It tells one how this metropolis is defended against the Hunnish flyer by night, and it gives a lot of information which is very encouraging to those citizens who have to live in town.

The American Bing.—There has been much guessing about the representation of the Yankee cousin in "The Bing Boys in Broadway." At the Alhambra I learned yesterday that he will be Mr. Peter Wiser, who will be remembered in "Potash and Perlmutter."

A Hose Queue.—From the City I hear of the latest thing in queues. At seven o'clock in the morning a number of retail drapers lined up outside a wholesale house to get supplies of stockings. Hose are "short," just now.

The Hardy Players.—I hear from Dorchester that the veteran man of letters, Mr. Thomas Hardy, here he is taking the greatest interest in the Hardy Players' show, which comes off on Thursday. He is at nearly every rehearsal, and is full of helpful hints to the actors. The piece to be done is founded on "Under the Greenwood Tree," which I have always deemed the best of all the Hardy books.

Engaged.—General Sir William Nicholls's younger daughter is engaged, I hear, to Captain Kirk, of the Black Watch. The other daughter of the distinguished artilleryman has been married seven years to Lieutenant Commander Elliott, R.N.

THE RAMBLER.

THAT "FUSS BAG"—A WAR CHANGE.



you would have expected to take advantage of the shortage.

An Admiral, Too!—I heard yesterday, for instance, that in addition to the M.P. and his wife who are to be charged with hoarding in a few days the Food Controller is taking action against a famous admiral on Thursday.

Happy Ex-Minister.—Sir Edward Carson is looking much happier since he ceased to be in the War Cabinet. I saw him in the House of Commons yesterday. In his jaunty brown lounge suit he did not look sixty-three.

His Brother's Seat.—Sir Edward came down to the House mainly for the purpose of introducing Mr. James Lonsdale, the newly-elected M.P. for Mid-Armagh, whose other sponsor was Lord Edmund Talbot. Mr. Lonsdale's half-brother, Lord Armaghdale, strolled into the Peers' Gallery to see him take his seat.

That Visit to Belfast.—I hear, by the way, that Sir Edward Carson is not likely to go to Belfast until the end of the present week.

am told that the two Archbishops have a proposition up their lawn sleeves which will cause some excitement in Anglican circles.

Lord Derby's Speech.—Everybody is hoping to be at the Aldwych Club to-day, when Lord Derby makes one of his infrequent speeches. The War Minister is expected to talk about promotion and also about Cambrai.

"Canada in Khaki."—There were torrents of orders for "Canada in Khaki" (second volume), I am told. From Canadian camps in this country many demands were sent in. I am not surprised, for it is certainly a marvellous storehouse of good things. Send a copy to your khaki friend.

The News-vendor.—A well-known Fleet-street character was buried yesterday. "Cole" (that was not his real name) had sold newspapers outside the Temple for thirty years, and was known to every Pressman who passed that way. The exposure inseparable from his calling brought on pneumonia.



Mr. Thomas Hardy.

Daily Mirror

TWO NEWS PORTRAITS.



Miss Annie Smail, daughter of Mrs. Smail, of Wimbledon, whose engagement to Capt. J. Le Bras-seur, R.F.A., is announced.—(Lallie Charles.)

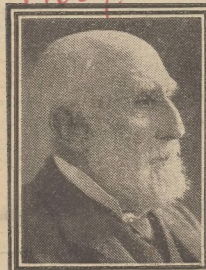


Lady Doreen Browne, who is working hard for the Irish prisoners of war fund. She is a daughter of the Marquis of Sligo.—(Lallie Charles.)

MME. CAILLAUX IN PARIS.



A photograph taken a few days ago showing Mme. Caillaux (x) leaving her home in Paris with a friend. Her husband's trial will take place quite shortly.



VETERAN ARCHÆOLOGIST.—Dr. William Greenwell, D.C.L., F.R.S., one of the most accomplished antiquaries of his time, who has died aged ninety-seven.



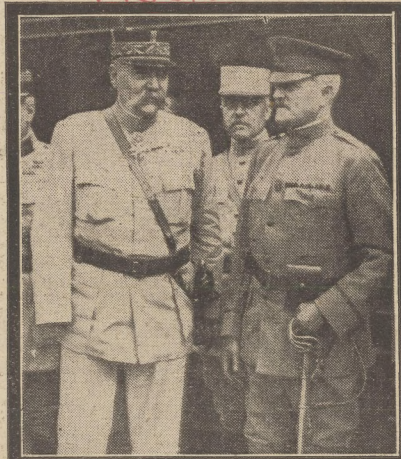
PRINCE AS AIRMAN.—Prince Alexis Sapieha, who is a lieutenant in the flying corps of the new Polish Legion now fighting in France.

SERBIANS WHO FOUGHT WITH THE JUGO SLAVS.



These are a few of the Serbians who to the number of 200,000 gave themselves up on the Russian front and enlisted with great enthusiasm in the ranks of the Jugo Slav Volunteers. They fought most gallantly in the Dobrudja.

TWO FAMOUS GENERALS MEET.



General Pershing, the Commander-in-Chief of the American armies, with General Pelletier.

TAKES ALL SORTS OF LIBERTIES.

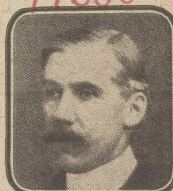


A small monkey which has been adopted as the pet of the wounded men at a London hospital.

WHAT SPECIOUS PROMISES WERE MADE?



Dr. von Kakowski, the Polish Archbishop, leaving the Hotel Adlon, Berlin, for the Imperial Palace. He is seen with other Polish notabilities who were received by the War Lord in connection with the future of their country.



LORD QUEENBOROUGH to be chairman of the Empire Resources Development Committee in place of the late Sir Starr Jameson.



TO-DAY'S WEDDING.—Miss Norah Stansford, a V.A.D. worker, of Camberley, to be married to-day to Mr. J. A. P. Stuart.